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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)
SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP - WELLINGTON

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1. WHILE I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT
WOULD STRONGLY PREFER NOT TO SET APART TIME FOR A SPECIAL
APPOINTMENT WITH THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, WALLACE
ROWLING, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO HIS ATTENTION THE
ARGUMENTS THAT WEIGH HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF SUCH A MEETING.
IN THIS PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, AS IN GREAT BRITAIN,
THE LEADER OF HER MAJESTY'S LOYAL OPPOSITION PERFORMS
A FUNCTION RECOGNIZED BY CUSTOM AND LAW, AND HIS PER-
QUISITES ARE EXTENSIVE. HIS POSITION IS A STATUTORY
ONE, RECOGNIZED IN THE OFFICIAL ORDER OF PRECEDENCE, AND
HIS PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY ON ALL STATE OCCASIONS.
IN NEW ZEALAND, IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE LEADER
OF THE OPPOSITION WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PRIVATE
MEEING WITH DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO WELLINGTON FROM
OTHER GOVERNMENTS. MOREOVER, IN THIS ELECTION YEAR, THE
FAILURE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH THE
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LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY WOULD BE WIDELY
INTERPRETED AS A DELIBERATE SLIGHT TO THE LABOR PARTY
AND A DECLARATION OF A TILT ON THE PART OF THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE NATIONAL PARTY. I BELIEVE IT WOULD
BE INADVISABLE IN THE EXTREME FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT TO
ELIMINATE THE ROWLING MEETING FROM HIS SCHEDULE. THE
GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND, WITH WHOM THE SCHEDULE PRO-

POSED BELOW HAS BEEN DISCUSSED, URGES IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE INCLUDE THIS APPOINTMENT. IT FIGURES, THEREFORE, IN PARAGRAPH 2.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 P.M. INFORMAL DINNER AT THE HOME OF PRIME MINISTER
- MULDOON (ALSO INCLUDES MRS. MONDALE)

MONDAY, APRIL 10

9:15 A.M. DEPART JAMES COOK HOTEL FOR NATIONAL WAR
- MEMORIAL

9:25 A.M. LAY WREATH IN THE HALL OF MEMORIES

9:35 A.M. DEPART NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL FOR PARLIAMENT
- HOUSE

9:45 A.M. ARRIVE PARLIAMENT FOR CALL ON PRIME MINISTER
- MULDOON

10:30 A.M. MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

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11:15 A.M. MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION,
- MR. ROWLING

11:30 A.M. BRIEF INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE NEWS MEDIA

11:50 A.M. DEPART FOR LUNCHEON

12:00 NOON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT LUNCHEON (AT WHICH THE
- PRIME MINISTER, THE LEADER OF THE
- OPPOSITION, AND THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL
- SPEAK BRIEFLY)

2:00 P.M. DEPART FOR WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

3. THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, SIR KEITH HOLYOAKE, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO WELLINGTON AS THOUGHT LIKELY WHEN THIS APPOINTMENT WAS SUGGESTED IN WELLINGTON'S 1006.

4. THE WAIRAKEI GEOTHERMAL PLANT (NEAR TAUPU AIRPORT, NORTH OF WELLINGTON) IS LOCATED AN HOUR AND 20 MINUTES AWAY BY PLANE, AND WOULD BE AN INTERESTING OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THIS FORM OF ENERGY PRODUCTION IN ONE OF THE

WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED USERS. A VISIT THERE WOULD REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS AND COULD EASILY BE ARRANGED IF THE VICE PRESIDENT SO WISHES.

5. DETAILS OF MRS. MONDALE'S SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 10, ARE STILL BEING ARRANGED. HOWEVER, HER SCHEDULE WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE DOWSE ART GALLERY TO VIEW AN EXHIBITION OF NEW ZEALAND POTTERY, AND, POSSIBLY, A VISIT TO SEE THE WORK OF A NEW ZEALAND WEAVER. SHE WILL JOIN THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE LUNCHEON AT NOON. IF MRS. MONDALE, WHO, WE HAVE

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LEARNED, STUDIED CONTEMPORARY CHURCH ARCHITECTURE, WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE VISITS IN LINE WITH THIS INTEREST, PLEASE LET US KNOW. AS SOON AS HER SCHEDULE IS FINALIZED, WE WILL INFORM WASHINGTON.

6. SHOULD THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE WISH TO MAKE ANY LAST-MINUTE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MRS. SELDEN AND I AND THE EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE AND ON CALL THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SELDEN

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